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An Ohio drunken-driving suspect is blaming his arrest on heavy metal performer Ozzy Osbourne. William Liston was arrested Christmas Eve in suburban Cleveland. He told police officers, "Ozzy Osbourne and his music made me do it." Liston is awaiting arraignment. He's to appear in court Tuesday on a charge of operating a vehicle while impaired. (AP)

11:11 on 1-1-11
A Kentucky couple tied the knot on New Year's Day, timing the ceremony to take place at 11:11 a.m. on 1-1-11. John Payne and Sheryl Brooks said, "We like to be different." About 25 friends and family members gathered at Fountain Square Park in Bowling Green on Saturday to witness the ceremony. (AP)

'Extra! Extra!
We're in Denial!'

The leading daily newspaper in Croatia published only good news on Dec. 30, leading with a huge smiley face on the front page. Alen Galovic, the executive editor of 24 Sata, says 2010 brought too much bad news. The paper included stories about the rescue of a trapped dog, a hairdresser who cuts orphans' hair for free and businessmen who defied the financial crisis. The seizure of paintings from an ex-prime minister suspected of corruption was being ignored for the day. (AP)

The Big Picture



A RARE MINIATURE COW with markings similar to a panda was born on a farm in Larimer County, Colo., on Friday. The so-called "panda cow" is thought to be one of only about 24 in the world. Farmer Chris Jensen raises miniature cattle to sell as pets; the miniature panda cow is the result of genetic manipulation. (AP)

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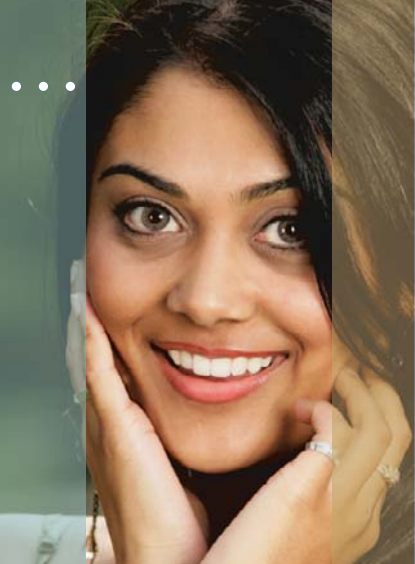
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THIS WEEK



Goodbye, Governor

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will turn over the keys to the state Monday morning in Sacramento. By the afternoon, Jerry Brown, the enigmatic former governor, will take over.

Congress Convenes

When Republicans take over the House on Wednesday, they will do something that apparently has never been done before in the chamber's 221-year history: Read the Constitution aloud.

President Returns

After 11 days of golf, tennis and snorkeling — interrupted by an occasional briefing by his aides — President Obama and his family will leave Hawaii Monday night and return to D.C. on Tuesday.

GOP Sets Sights on 2012 Election

Republican Congress looks to build record over the next 2 years

Washington

The Republican agenda for the new Congress that convenes Wednesday may have a greater impact on the 2012 elections than on the lives of Americans in the next two years.

Republicans promise to cut spending, roll back President Obama's health care overhaul and prevent unelected bureaucrats from expanding the government's role in society through regulations that tell people what they must or may not do. Getting this agenda through the House may be easier than in the Senate, given the GOP's 241-194 majority in the House. Getting the Senate to act will be a challenge. Democrats still hold an edge there, though smaller than the one Obama had during his first two years in the White House.

Even if the next two years end in gridlock, Republicans will have built a record for the next election that they hope will demonstrate to voters that they can get it right.

House Republicans also pledge to hold tough investigations and hearings on the president's programs and policies, ending the free pass that Democratic committee chairmen gave the Obama administration the



Rep.-elect Tim Scott, R-S.C., left, leaves after a GOP news conference Nov. 18. House Minority Whip Eric Cantor; Rep. Pete Sessions, R-Texas; and Rep. Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas, follow.



The 'Enemy Is the Bureaucracy'

The chief Republican investigator, Rep. Darrell Issa of California — the incoming chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee — has been especially critical of what he calls waste in Obama's economic stimulus spending. "The sooner the administration figures out that the enemy is the bureaucracy and the wasteful spending, not the other party, the better off we'll be," he told "Fox News Sunday." (AP)

Demanding Answers

Republicans insist they'll bring key administration officials before congressional microphones and that the public can watch the webcasts. The friendly tone of inquiry from Democratic chairmen will be replaced by Republicans demanding answers to these questions: "What's the purpose of this program?" "Is this the best use of the taxpayers' money?" In the Senate, there's a chance the Democrats will replace Republicans as the party of "no," assuming the House GOP passes much of its agenda. (AP)

past two years.

Rep. Harold Rogers of Kentucky, incoming leader of the House Appropriations Committee, says he wants top officials to appear and justify their spending.

The next chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Republican Fred Upton of Michigan, says he'll work to stop overzealous government regulators. A big target for him is the Environmental Protection Agency, which is writing rules to limit greenhouse gases blamed for global warming after Obama's effort to get Congress to do it stalled in the Senate last year.

"We are not going to let this administration regulate what they've been unable to legislate," he told Fox.

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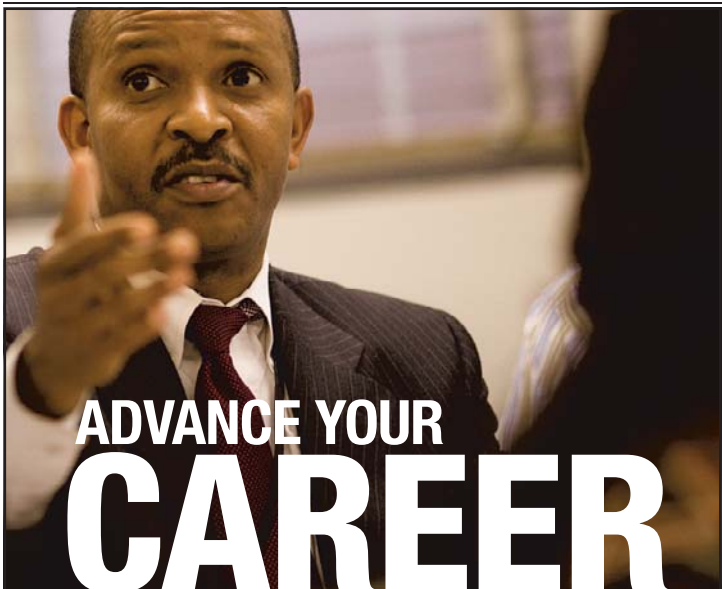
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New Cancer Test Touted

'Liquid biopsy' spots single bad cell among a billion healthy ones

Boston

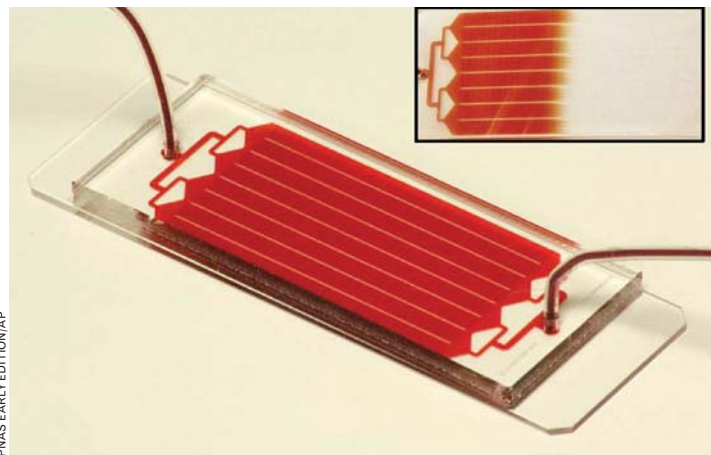
A blood test so sensitive that it can spot a single cancer cell lurking among a billion healthy ones is moving one step closer to being available at your doctor's office.

Boston scientists who invented the test and health care giant Johnson & Johnson will announce Monday that they are joining forces to bring it to market. Four big cancer centers also will start studies using the experimental test this year.

Stray cancer cells in the blood mean that a tumor has spread or is likely to, many doctors believe. A test that can capture such cells has the potential to transform care for many types of cancer, especially breast, prostate, colon and lung.

Initially, doctors want to use the test to try to predict what treatments would be best for each patient's tumor and find out quickly whether they are working.

"This is like a liquid biopsy" that avoids painful tissue sampling and may give a better way to moni-



The blood test may offer a way to screen for cancer besides less-than-ideal methods.

More Options

Many people have their cancers diagnosed through needle biopsies. These often do not provide enough of a sample to determine what genes or pathways control a tumor's growth. Doctors typically give a drug or radiation treatment and then do a CT scan two months later to look for tumor shrinkage. Some patients live long enough to try only one or two treatments, so a test that can gauge success sooner, by looking at cancer cells in the blood, could give patients more options. (AP)

tor patients than periodic imaging scans, said Dr. Daniel Haber, chief of Massachusetts General Hospital's cancer center and one of the test's inventors.

"There's a lot of potential here, and that's why there's a lot of excitement," said Dr. Mark Kris, lung cancer chief at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. He had no role in developing the test, but Sloan-Kettering is one of the sites that will study it this year.

"If you could find out quickly ... 'This drug is not working, try something else,' that would be huge," Haber said. MARILYNN MARCHIONE (AP)

Navy to Probe Lewd Videos Shown to Carrier Crew

Norfolk, Va.

A top officer aboard a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier broadcast to his crew a series of profanity-laced comedy sketches in which he uses gay slurs, mimics masturbation and opens the shower curtain on women pretending to bathe together, a newspaper reported.

The Virginian-Pilot reported in

its Sunday editions that Capt. Owen Honors appeared in the videos in 2006 and 2007 while he was the USS Enterprise's second-ranking officer, and showed them across the ship on closed-circuit television. He took over as the ship's commander in May.

The Navy said it plans to investigate the videos, which it called "clearly inappropriate."

Navy Cmdr. Chris Sims said in a statement sent to The Associated Press that the videos "were not acceptable then and are not acceptable in today's Navy."

A phone listing for Honors was not immediately available. He is a 1983 alumnus of the U.S. Naval Academy.

It's not immediately known why the videos are surfacing now. (AP)



Blame Game: Many iPhone customers had some explaining to do after they overslept to start the new year, due to a glitch in the gadget's alarm clock feature. Users who set their iPhone alarm for a single wake-up rather than recurring use found the alarm didn't go off with the year's arrival, Apple spokeswoman Natalie Harrison said Sunday. A fix is in the works, and all iPhone alarms will work properly starting Monday, she said. (AP)

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Weekend Review



1 SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA
N. Korea Issues Warning Of 'Nuclear Holocaust'

North Korea welcomed the new year Saturday with a call for better ties with South Korea, warning war "will bring nothing but a nuclear holocaust." The North said in an editorial that tensions between the two should be quickly defused. (AP)

2 TALLINN, ESTONIA
Estonia Adopts Euro

Estonia early Saturday became the 17th European Union member to adopt the joint European currency, the euro. By discontinuing use of the Estonian kroon, the small nation became the first former Soviet republic to join the single currency club. (AP)

3 LA PAZ, BOLIVIA
Bolivia Postpones Plans To Increase Gas Prices

Bolivian President Evo Morales said Saturday that Friday's abrupt cancellation of a plan to sharply hike fuel prices is the right thing to do, but his country should prepare for it to happen "someday." He withdrew the plan Friday in reaction to widespread protests and the threat of more to come. (AP)



4 New Year, Familiar Dive
An Italian man dives into Rome's Tiber River on Saturday, continuing a New Year's Day tradition that dates back to 1946. Standing atop the Cavour Bridge, the divers poured sparkling wine into the river before plunging about 59 feet into the muddy waters below.



5 "I have not called her. In fact, I don't have her number. ... We've asked for it before. I don't have it."

— **JOE MILLER**, THE EX-GOP SENATE CANDIDATE IN ALASKA, SPEAKING FRIDAY ON CNN ABOUT WHY HE HAD NOT YET CALLED HIS RIVAL, INCUMBENT SEN. LISA MURKOWSKI, TO INFORM HER OF HIS CONCESSION.

6 SYDNEY
Whalers, Activists Feud

Japanese whalers shot water cannons at anti-whaling activists on Saturday, a conservationist group claimed, hours after the activists tracked down the fleet in the icy and remote Antarctic waters. The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society is aiming to interrupt Japan's annual whale hunt, which kills up to 1,000 whales a year. (AP)

7 BRASILIA, BRAZIL



Brazil's outgoing leader, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, hugs Dilma Rouseff, the country's first female president, after her swearing-in on Saturday.

8 BEEBE, ARK.

1,000
The number of blackbirds found dead in a 1-mile area of Beebe, Ark. People began reporting birds falling from the sky about 11:30 p.m., and officials said that fireworks may have startled the birds and led them to die of stress. (AP)

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Probe Narrows in Egyptian Church Bombing

Officials: Al-Qaeda
may have inspired
area group to action

Alexandria, Egypt

Egyptian police are focusing their investigation into the New Year's Day suicide bombing of a church on an Alexandria-based group of Islamic hard-liners inspired by al-Qaeda, officials said Sunday.

The bombing touched off protests on Sunday by Egypt's Christian minority, who feel they are discriminated against. There were signs of beefed-up security outside churches nationwide, and dozens returned to pray Sunday in the



BEN CURTIS/AP

Saints Church members grieve Sunday over Saturday's attack in Alexandria, Egypt.

blood-spattered Saints Church.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack on Coptic Christians leaving a midnight Mass about

a half-hour into the new year, killing 21, the worst attack on Egyptian Christians in a decade. Egyptian officials initially accused al-Qaeda, but

Backstory

Alexandria, a famed city of antiquity, has become a stronghold for Islamic hard-liners in the past decade. Saturday's attack was dramatically different from past violence against Christians, which included shootings but not serious bombings or suicide attacks. (AP)

on Sunday, officials said police are looking at the possibility that homegrown extremists were behind it.

Christians staged demonstrations in at least three cities to protest what they see as the government's failure to protect their community. (AP)

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Israel Proposes
Continual Talks
On Peace Deal

Jerusalem

Israel's prime minister on Sunday proposed nonstop, face-to-face talks with the Palestinian president until a peace deal is reached — offering a possible way to advance talks that have stalled over the construction of Jewish settlements.

Benjamin Netanyahu's proposal comes in response to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' latest claim, made over the weekend, that genuine talks could yield a deal within months. But the Palestinians showed little enthusiasm for the offer. JOSEF FEDERMAN (AP)

Pakistani Leadership Fractures

Major bloc departs
ruling coalition in
latest political rift

Islamabad, Pakistan

The second-largest party in Pakistan's ruling coalition said Sunday it is quitting the government and joining the opposition, depriving the country's pro-U.S. government of a parliamentary majority and throwing its future into doubt.

It was not immediately clear whether the Muttahida Qaumi Movement's move will prompt the downfall of Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani's government. But it is almost certain to distract Pak-



Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani says Pakistan's government "will not fall."

istani officials at a time when the U.S. is pushing Islamabad to do more to help turn around the war in Afghanistan. It also raises the possibility of a new government

that could be less vocal in opposing the Taliban.

The MQM opted to withdraw from the ruling coalition because of the government's poor performance in combating such problems as rising inflation, said MQM lawmaker Haider Abbas Rizvi. The party withdrew from the Cabinet last week.

Gilani expressed confidence that the ruling Pakistan People's Party could avert a crisis.

"The government will remain intact; it will not fall" he said.

The PPP took power in February 2008, but its popularity has slipped as Pakistan has grappled with severe economic problems and frequent militant attacks. (AP)

In Brief

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
Police: Orioles Pitcher
Sought in Fatal Shooting

Baltimore Orioles reliever Alfredo Simon is the main suspect in a fatal shooting New Year's Eve in the Dominican Republic, police said Sunday. The pitcher is suspected of killing Michel Castillo Almonte, 25, and wounding a teen. Simon is from the Dominican Republic, and police said he fled after the violence. (AP)

SANTIAGO, CHILE
7.1 Quake Rattles Chile

A magnitude-7.1 earthquake shook southern Chile on Sunday, frightening hundreds of people, who fled for higher ground fearing it could generate a tsunami like the one that ravaged the coastline last year. There were no immediate reports of deaths or damage, and officials said no tsunami alert was issued. (AP)



Who Wants to Be a Trillionaire? Western visitors to Zimbabwe are snapping up its defunct bank notes — most notably the \$100 trillion bill — as souvenirs. The bill is the highest denomination and now sells for about \$5. Such currency was abandoned nearly two years ago, when the U.S. dollar became legal tender. In 2008, at the peak of Zimbabwe's economic meltdown, the \$100 trillion bill scarcely bought a cart of groceries. (AP)



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Stretching a Sweet Tradition in Mexico City



WORKERS SERVE slices of a huge "Rosca de Reyes," or Three Kings Bread, in Mexico City Sunday. According to news reports, about 300,000 people gathered to taste the sweet bread, a traditional treat in honor of Epiphany, the Jan 6. holiday that marks the pilgrimage of the Magi to visit the baby Jesus.

Gray: All Together Now

New mayor says it will take a group effort to keep D.C. moving forward

Washington

Vincent Gray, who won election on a pledge to unite the city and to usher in a more collaborative District of Columbia government, was sworn in as mayor Sunday in a ceremony at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center that drew more than 70 dignitaries and hundreds of other guests.

In an inaugural speech that quoted four presidents, Gray, a 68-year-old widowed grandfather, tried to motivate the city's residents to work with him over the next four years to reform public education, lower the unemployment and crime rates, bring transparency to city finances and achieve statehood for the nation's capital. He put a twist on his campaign theme of "One City" and repeatedly called the District "Our City."

He appeared to address recent criticism by some residents and stakeholders who have felt left out of his transition, just as they felt left out during the tenure of one-term Mayor Adrian Fenty.

He modified the motto of the Fenty administration, changing "Moving Forward Faster" to "Moving Forward Together."

The new administration, the new D.C. Council and other elected officials "stand ready to tackle the challenges before us, both those that are known and those that have yet to reveal themselves," Gray said. "But we also know that we cannot do this alone. No mayor and no council can. ... They have to be tackled in every part of the city, quadrant by quadrant, neighborhood by neighborhood, street by street and home by home. The peo-



"He is his own compass. He trusts his own judgment. He's 99 percent right."

— LORRAINE GREEN, AN AMTRAK EXECUTIVE AND CONFIDANTE WHO IS HELPING VINCENT GRAY BUILD HIS ADMINISTRATION.

On Gray's Agenda

Fixing the Schools

Vincent Gray inherits a system with almost 30 fewer schools, one-third fewer central-office bureaucrats and a stunning array of refurbished facilities, as well as a dramatically overhauled teaching staff. Now he has to find a way to keep improving the schools so the city's new population of parents and future parents doesn't flee to the suburbs, even while reaching out to those who were cast aside in Adrian Fenty's transformation of the school system. (TWP)

Fixing the Budget

In a time of shrinking resources and extremely high unemployment, in a city that is more affluent than ever yet has a poverty rate among black children that is above the national average, Gray must cut the budget, yet provide for those in need. Former Mayors Anthony Williams and Adrian Fenty saw the solution to that dilemma in development: Expand the tax base and improve schools, they argued, and then you can get the money to help the poor. Gray says he agrees with that philosophy. (TWP)



Securing Voting Rights

Gray said he would continue the fight for full voting rights in Congress, despite a perceived lack of support from the incoming Republican House Leadership. The District will not reach its full potential without representation, Gray said. "We cannot rest until we achieve true self-determination and, yes, become our nation's 51st state," he said. (AP)

ple of the District, all of the people, must be a part of these efforts."

During his remarks, Gray, a native Washingtonian, recalled growing up on Sixth Street NE. He said his mother "dutifully" swept

the sidewalks and alley outside his family's one-bedroom apartment. "One day, I asked her, 'Why do you do that, Mom? Those streets and sidewalks belong to the city,'" he recalled telling her. "And in so

many words, my mom said those streets and sidewalks belong to us and we have to do our part to keep them clean because this is our neighborhood and our city."

Using President John F. Kenne-

dy's famous words, Gray asked for help from residents: "Ask not what your city can do for you, but what you can do for your city."

The speech set a tone for Gray's next four years, which he has previously said will be marked by an effort to listen to residents.

Fenty, in part, lost the election in the wake of a series of incidents that helped shape his image among many residents as an arrogant and detached leader. When Gray entered the race in late March, he offered an alternative as a council chairman who built a reputation as a consensus builder.

"These are serious and difficult challenges that affect each one of us, regardless of where we live in the city, and they will not be solved overnight. Dealing with them will require patience and sacrifice from every one of us," Gray told the crowd at the convention center. "But there is no question in my mind that our challenges can and will be met if we all come together to make that happen."

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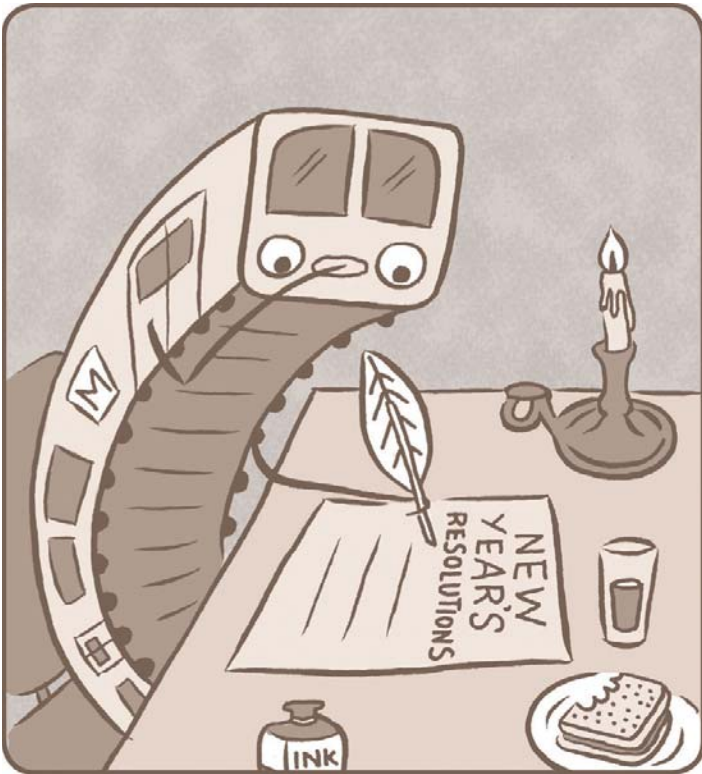
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On Track in '11

If Metro sent out one of those holiday newsletters, 2010's would have been a total bummer. Between the biggest fare hike in history, system-wide escalator issues and the launch of bag checks, the best news is probably that the federal government preserved the transit subsidy, so at least many of you aren't paying for your rides.

But I'm an optimist, and I think 2011 could be a banner — or at least, better — year for public transit in D.C. Here are a few things I'm looking forward to.

Google Transit. Anyone who's used the Google Maps transit feature to get between two points in

D.C. knows the site offers illogical routes involving absolutely no Metrorail or Metrobus. That's going to change in mid-January, according to the blog Greater Greater Washington, which has been pushing WMATA to share its data with Google.

Apps. The technological advancements won't stop there, thanks to WMATA's release of rail and bus info to outside developers, who are busily creating apps that'll make it easier to get around. You know about Express' DC Rider — look for a Droid version and an iPhone update in early 2011. We also like iPhone app Tunnels DC.



By Vicky Hallett

Display Screens. No smartphone? Not a problem if you're near one of the District Department of Transportation's "multi-modal digital transportation displays." The first of these screens appeared at 14th and U streets NW in late December, and it's awesome: Passersby can see schedules for Metro buses, arrival predictions for the Circulator and Metro (at the U Street station), and find out how many Capital Bikeshare bikes and Zipcar vehicles are available nearby.

Virtual Tunnel. The only reason Farragut North and Farragut West are separate is that Metro couldn't get permission to tunnel between them back in the 1970s. Annoyed commuters may finally be getting a break later this year. Metro expects to start testing a "virtual tunnel" between the stations — basically, a no-penalty transfer, so you can exit at one and enter at the other (within a few minutes), but your SmarTrip will treat it as a single ride.

Now, if Metro could make sure that single ride is safe and swift, I'll look forward to reading that newsletter next year.



METRO PULSE

Virginia textbooks apparently have lots of mistakes. What were you taught wrong in school?

"That Columbus found America as an uninhabited land. We didn't learn about Native Americans until high school — it's pretty embarrassing."

Lisa Sferrazza, FARRAGUT NORTH

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In Brief

WASHINGTON

D.C. Homicide Level Hits A 46-Year Low in 2010

Lanier

Homicides in the nation's capital have hit a 46-year low. D.C. police report that 131 people were slain in Washington in 2010. That's a 9 percent decrease from the 2009 total and the lowest since 1964. Police also say they closed 79 percent of homicide cases, which is well above the national average and an increase over 2009. Police Chief Cathy Lanier says in a statement that she's pleased with the results and she looks forward to continuing to serve the people of D.C. (AP)

HAYMARKET, VA.

Man Charged With Trying To Kill Police Officers

Prince William County police have charged a man with firing shots at police officers on two occasions after a domestic dispute with his wife. Thirty-eight-year-old Jason Paul of Haymarket is charged in a warrant with five counts of attempted capital murder of a police officer and numerous other offenses. Police say Paul fired at a police cruiser during the gunfight early Sunday. (AP)

WASHINGTON

5 Shot Over the Weekend

D.C. police are investigating separate shootings in which five people were wounded. Officer Paul Metcalf, a police spokesman, says the shootings don't appear to be related. The first happened Sunday in the 3400 block of 13th Place SE. The second shooting occurred at Fourth Street and New Hampshire Avenue NW. (AP)

The Lotteries

Sunday, Jan. 2

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3 5-3-6
Mid-day Pick 4 2-8-2-2
Mid-day Cash 5 4-21-22-32-34

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3 9-5-9
Mid-day Pick 4 7-8-1-4

Police ID Slain Hospital Employee

Details about death unclear; no motive, suspects named yet

Bethesda, Md.

Police have identified a hospital employee who was slain while on the job.

Montgomery County police say 40-year-old Roosevelt Brockington Jr., of Lusby, Md., was the victim of Saturday's violence at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda. Brockington had worked at Suburban since 2006.

Police have released few details about the slaying, which led to the hospital's being locked down for four hours while officers searched for suspects. Police got word of the attack on Brockington around 10:30 a.m. Saturday. He was found suffering from trau-



Roosevelt Brockington Jr., 40, was killed at Suburban Hospital on Saturday.

ma to the upper body and died at the scene. His body was taken to the medical examiner's office for an autopsy.

Investigators haven't deter-

mined a motive in the slaying and haven't identified any suspects.

The search for the attacker kept some visitors locked inside the hospital for hours.

One of those visitors, Diane Hack Gould, said the mood inside was calm, even as police searched every room.

Hack Gould said she arrived at Suburban at about 10:45 a.m. Saturday — as police were locking down the hospital — to visit her mother.

Hack Gould said she went to an elevator to get to her mother's floor, and that when the door opened, three police officers and a police dog were inside. "The officers suggested I take another elevator," she said.

While the search went on, doctors and nurses made their rounds, and meals were served to patients, Hack Gould said.

"They [hospital staff] didn't exhibit any fear at all," she said. "Everybody was calm; everything was going on as normal."

(THE WASHINGTON POST/AP)

Charity



DONATIONS TO the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign in the Washington area dropped by nearly 60 percent this year. Ken Forsythe, of the Salvation Army National Capital Area Command, says bell ringers took in \$270,000 this season, compared to \$667,000 last year. (AP)



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Expedia Stops Selling Airfare For American

New York

Expedia Inc. has stopped selling tickets on American Airlines flights, the latest twist in a simmering pricing dispute between American and travel websites.

“Expedia has chosen to no longer offer American Airlines fares on its website,” American said in a statement on its website. “Customers looking to compare flights or fares online should visit other travel sites such as Kayak.com or Priceline.com.”

The airline said that it would like to sell more tickets through its website, as paying to have flights listed on other sites can be costly.

Expedia’s removal of American flights marks an escalation in a months-long dispute between the airline and various travel sites. Last month, American Airlines pulled its flights from travel website Orbitz, saying consumers could just as easily buy tickets from American’s website and “we won’t have to pay as much for it.” (AP)

Price Perks Abound for Seniors

Discounts for coffee, clothes and travel await aging boomers

New York

A lower ticket price at the movies isn’t the only financial perk of getting older.

With baby boomers not showing any signs of slowing down, those turning 62 will be glad to know the milestone comes with significant discounts. To induct the latest wave of boomers into the seniors club in 2011, here are some benefits worth noting.

Shopping

Many national retailers quietly offer little-known discounts of about 10 to 15 percent to older customers. For example, Kohl’s reduces prices for customers 62 and older on certain days of the week. Other retailers that offer senior discounts include Banana Republic, KB Toys and Ross Dress for Less.

“It’s not as unusual as you think, but you have to ask,” said Marshall



ISTOCKPHOTO

Many national retailers offer discounts to older customers—they just have to ask.

Cohen, an analyst with market researcher NPD Group. You don’t always have to be 62 to qualify either; retailers may offer discounts for customers as young as 50.

Travel

Airlines, hotels and other travel companies don’t always make their senior discounts easy to find either, so it’s

worth calling customer service to check what deals are available.

At Budget car rentals for example, customers have to search for the term “senior discount” on the company’s website. Customers then click a link for “special senior savings,” which automatically fills the coupon code “U088802” on the reservation page for a savings of about 10 percent.

Customers provide proof of their age when they pick up their cars.

At Southwest Airlines, travelers searching for flights on the low-cost carrier’s website are shown the “senior fare” alongside other available fares. The senior fares are usually about 20 percent less than the regular fares, but can be as much as 75 percent less. Fliers have to be 65 or older to qualify.

Amtrak also gives seniors a 15 percent discount on the lowest available rail fare on most routes. As for hotels, guests at Marriott can get 15 percent off the regular rate.

Community Services

Local governments also extend numerous free or low-cost services to seniors.

The hub for tapping into these services is typically a local senior center. At the 255 centers in New York City, for example, seniors can sign up for numerous recreational classes, including yoga, tai chi and pottery. The centers usually offer lunches for voluntary contributions of a few dollars or less, too. CANDICE CHOI (AP)



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Misery Loves Company in Finale

Redskins close year with loss to Giants, who miss playoffs



Giants	3	7	7	0	17
Redskins	0	7	0	7	14

The New York Giants got the win. They didn't get the help. Now they're a 10-win team not in the playoffs, an outcome that seemed improbable just two weeks ago.

The Giants forced four turnovers Sunday in a 17-14 victory over the Washington Redskins, a result that was rendered moot for postseason purposes when Green Bay beat Chicago 10-3 to claim the remaining wild card berth in the NFC.

New York finished 10-6, making the Giants and Tampa Bay the first NFC teams since 1991 to miss the playoffs despite double-digit victories. The Giants have only themselves to blame: They blew a 31-10 fourth-quarter lead in a loss to NFC East leader Philadelphia on Dec. 19, then got blown out 45-17 by the Packers last week, costing them the tiebreakers against two teams also in the hunt.

Last year, the Giants started 5-0 and lost eight of 11 down the stretch. The back-to-back late-season fades have raised questions about coach Tom Coughlin's job security just three years after he led the team to the Super Bowl title.

But his players showed up against the Redskins (6-10). Eli Manning completed 17 of 29 passes for 243 yards with one touchdown and one interception, and Mario Manningham had 101 yards receiving on



New York Giants safety Kenny Phillips scoops up a Santana Moss fumble in the fourth quarter of Sunday's game at FedEx Field.

Report Card



BEST CALL: With the first half winding down, the Redskins ran a nice misdirection play that ended with Rex Grossman throwing a touchdown to Fred Davis.

WORST CALL: Down 10 points in the fourth quarter, the Redskins went for it on 4th down, only to see a slow-developing run play to Ryan Torain get stuffed immediately.

BEST ADJUSTMENT: Rex Grossman mixed it up well, completing passes to nine different receivers on the day.

D You can't expect to win if you consistently hand the other team the football.



Mike Shanahan exits the field after his Redskins finished the year with a 6-10 record.

Who's the QB?

Redskins coach Mike Shanahan wouldn't rule anything out when asked Sunday night about the future of Donovan McNabb. Still, the odds are the quarterback's days are done in D.C. Rex Grossman is unlikely to be the final answer either. Most likely, the future Redskins QB will be selected in the NFL draft. Washington will have a top-15 pick after finishing with a 6-10 record. As many as four QBs are projected in the first round. (EXPRESS)

four receptions, including a 92-yard touchdown catch.

Grossman went 26 for 44 for 336 yards with two touchdowns and one interception for the Redskins, but he also lost two fumbles. His 64-yard touchdown pass to Anthony Armstrong was Grossman's longest completion of his career. Grossman had seven touchdowns and four interceptions, and a 1-2 record in his three starts after coach Mike Shanahan's benching of Donovan McNabb.

Santana Moss had nine receptions for 74 yards, setting a career high in catches (93) for the season.

Shanahan matched his worst full-season record in his 17 years as an NFL coach, but 2010 will be most remembered for Albert Haynesworth's suspension for the rest of the season with four games to play and McNabb's benching with three games to go.

One consolation for Redskins fans: New York didn't make the playoffs, either. Taunting chants of "Green Bay won!" rang out in the closing minute around the stadium. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



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Sunday's Stars
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Osi Umenyiora
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Terps Settle on Edsall for Coach

Source: Maryland 'got cold feet' about turning to Leach

Terps Football

Connecticut coach Randy Edsall was named Maryland's next football coach by new athletic director Kevin Anderson on Sunday. The school said it will hold a press conference on Monday to make the hiring official.

Edsall and his family traveled to the College Park campus to receive a tour of the school Sunday, and Edsall was interviewed

74-70

Randy Edsall's record in 12 seasons as the head football coach at Connecticut, including five bowl appearances and a share of two Big East titles. (TWP)

by the school's search committee, said individuals close to the Maryland athletic department and to Edsall.

Connecticut fell to Oklahoma, 48-20, Saturday night in the Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, Ariz.

Former Texas Tech coach Mike Leach was considered a front-run-



Randy Edsall led Connecticut to the Fiesta Bowl, which it lost on Saturday.

ner until late last week, but his chances diminished considerably within the past 48 hours, according to four individuals with knowl-

edge of the situation.

Regarding Leach, one source with knowledge of the search said Maryland "got cold feet."

"They wanted to make the conservative, safe, nonconfrontational hire," the source said. "That's the bottom line."

Edsall replaces Ralph Friedgen, whose contract was terminated effective Sunday after a 10-year tenure as his alma mater's head coach. Friedgen's final game took place Wednesday when the Terrapins defeated East Carolina, 51-20, in the Military Bowl at RFK Stadium. STEVE YANDA AND ERIC PRISBELL (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Hearsay



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Sunday Recap

WEEK 17

Top Dogs



Michael Bush, RB, Raiders

Bush rushed for 137 yards and a touchdown, and the short-handed Oakland Raiders beat playoff-bound Kansas City 31-10 Sunday. Bush starred in the absence of injured star running back Darren McFadden, who was inactive.



Ben Roethlisberger, QB, Steelers

Roethlisberger threw for 280 yards and two touchdown passes in a little more than one half as the Steelers won the AFC North to secure a first-round playoff bye with a 41-9 win over Cleveland on Sunday.

Returns

John Elway, Broncos

The Hall of Famer is expected to rejoin the Denver Broncos as their chief football executive by midweek, a source told the AP Sunday. The Broncos have won just one playoff game since Elway retired in 1999.



Injuries

Malcolm Jenkins, CB, Saints Jenkins hurt his right knee in the first quarter Sunday.

Vincent Jackson, WR, Chargers He injured his left ankle on a catch Sunday.

Nick Roach, LB, Bears The linebacker hurt his right shoulder against the Packers.

Scoreboard

Falcons 31, Panthers 10

Ravens 13, Bengals 7

Steelers 41, Browns 9

Lions 20, Vikings 13

Raiders 31, Chiefs 10

Patriots 38, Dolphins 7

Bucs 23, Saints 10

Jets 38, Bills 7

Giants 17, Redskins 14

Colts 23, Titans 20

Packers 10, Bears 3

Cowboys 14, Eagles 13

Full results at washingtonpost.com

Favre Says Career Is Over (Really)

Pro Football

Brett Favre says it's time for him to call it a career.

Favre, 41, said he was finished after sitting out Minnesota's loss to Detroit with a concussion. He missed three of his final four games because of injury after starting an NFL-record 297-straight games.

"This year did not work out the way we would have hoped, but that's football," Favre said after watching the Vikings lose, 20-13.

Favre said he has no regrets

about his 20th season, even though he finished with the lowest quarterback rating of his career (69.9); threw 19 interceptions; and was fined \$50,000 for failing to cooperate with an NFL investigation into allegations of tawdry interactions with a game-day hostess.

It was a difficult season for Minnesota (6-10), which finished last in the NFC North for the first time since 1990, and saw coach Brad Childress fired midseason and the Metrodome's roof collapse in December. (AP)

TV Lineup

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (8 P.M., ESPN)

After going undefeated in the ACC, Virginia Tech seeks to cap off its season with a victory over Stanford in the Orange Bowl.

HOYAS HOOPS (7 P.M., ESPN2)

Georgetown's men's team can improve to 2-1 in league play with an early-season road victory against St. John's in New York.

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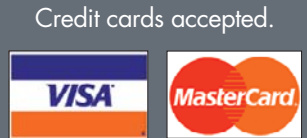
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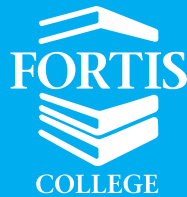
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After New Year's Day, January gets bleak. There's not much to celebrate until Martin Luther King Day, so you have to make your own holiday occasions. Or you can steal mine: January is the month Thomas Jefferson sold his library to Congress, forming the original collection for the Library of Congress. Spend an afternoon in the Reading Room — anyone can get a card, and you can bring your own book and just bliss out on the quiet and the mosaics — and then toast to our third president at one of the bars in the area. Capitol Lounge (231 Pennsylvania Ave. SE) has more specials than we can list in short-form journalism, but Tuesday is 25-cent wing night, and on Thursdays most pitchers are \$12.

We can't pretend Jefferson would approve of the Hawk 'n' Dove — though the man did make some questionable decisions, like the time he briefly kept pet bear cubs — but he'd certainly be down for \$5 glasses of wine at 18th Amendment (613 Pennsylvania Ave. SE) and probably also for its Thursday trivia night.

Or, Even Better ...

If you're in the mood for nature, you can maintain a tenuous connection to Jefferson by visiting a winery in his beloved Virginia countryside. Philip Carter Winery (4366 Stillhouse Road, Hume; 540-364-1203) is holding a wine tasting and appreciation class on Wednesday at 1 p.m. It'll offer a range of basics on wine, including tips on how to discern flavors and quality.

Agony, Ecstasy, Etc.

Long-awaited indie drama 'Blue Valentine' charts six years of love's highs and lows

Film

The aptly named "Blue Valentine," 12 years in the making and just a few months of actual shooting, went into a limited U.S. release the last day of 2010. (It hits theaters Friday in the D.C. area.)

The Weinstein Company drama should find a place amid the post-holiday year-end blues as one of those love stories that doesn't quite make it to the finish line. It should also find its place on a number of Ten Best lists, given the anguished, award-worthy work Ryan Gosling and Michelle Williams turn in as a pair of young marrieds careening toward Splitsville.

The relationship spans a rocky six years. We catch Dean and Cindy at the rose-colored blossoming of love and, again, at the tattered tail-end of the affair, with a 5-year-old daughter, Frankie (Faith Wladyska), around to make it all worse and increase the load. Life, once light as a feather, weighs a ton by then.

Getting there is all the agony. Co-writer and director Derek Cianfrance zigzags to and fro between two different time frames — love found, love lost, love found again — underscoring this pain with battering-ram repetition. Is it any wonder that buffs asked on "Blue



A Shared Past

Co-writer and director Derek Cianfrance had the cast on tap for most of the past decade. He met Michelle Williams in 2003 and Ryan Gosling in 2005. Gosling "loved the movie," Cianfrance recalled, "but he didn't think he could do the older version of his character, so I said, 'Why don't we shoot the past now, and then wait six years and we'll do the present?'" Cianfrance negotiated a full month of filmmaking with the young stars. "By the time we started rolling the present, they had shared history." (EXPRESS/FJI)



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"I decided I had to go inside of all those things that scared me as a kid and confront them."

— DEREK CIANFRANCE, ON FACING HIS CHILDHOOD FEAR OF HIS PARENTS' DIVORCE. THEY SPLIT WHEN HE WAS 20.

Valentine's" IMDB page whether this was a remake of Stanley Donen's "Two for the Road," which juggled five stages of uneasy wedlock? The answer is no: "I never saw 'Two for the Road,' actually," Cianfrance almost reluctantly confesses.

"When I was a kid, I had two nightmares," he says. "One was nuclear war, and the other was that my parents would get a divorce." That last nightmare actually came to pass — but not till he was 20, so, "I decided I had to go inside of all those things that scared me as a kid and confront them." This, in 1998, took the form of a screenplay.

For the next 12 years, Cianfrance "wrote 66 drafts of the script, storyboarded 1,224 shots and watched the movie every day in my head. I thought I was cursed all of those years that I didn't get the film made, but it turned out to be a blessing because, 12 years ago, I wasn't married, I didn't have kids, I don't think I could have told the story the way I wanted to without those life experiences." HARRY HAUN

(FILM JOURNAL INTERNATIONAL)

	Weekend Box Office
Little Fockers	\$26.3M
True Grit	\$24.5M
Tron Legacy	\$18.3M
Yogi Berra	\$13M
The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader	\$10.5M
Tangled	\$10M
The Fighter	\$10M
Gulliver's Travels	\$9.1M
Black Swan	\$8.5M
The King's Speech	\$7.6M

Not Much of a Stretch

Actor Jim Broadbent identifies with the family man he plays in a domestic drama

Personalities

Jim Broadbent is a renowned British actor who has won an Academy Award and numerous accolades for his stage and TV work. But he is best known to millions of "Harry Potter" fans as Horace Slughorn, Hogwarts' potions teacher and one of the few good members of the House of Slytherin.

Having played the young wizard's ally in "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," he reprises the role in the upcoming "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part II," set for release next summer.

Broadbent, 61, is nothing if not versatile. A graduate of the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, he has appeared in a variety of plays, movies and TV shows over the past four decades. One of his scene-stealing performances was as cabaret owner Harold Zidler in the big-screen musical "Moulin Rouge!" He won a BAFTA award (the highest award of British film) for that one.

He's not only had roles in big-budget franchises — "Harry Potter,"



Jim Broadbent and Ruth Sheen play a happily married couple in "Another Year."

"Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull," "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" and "Bridget Jones's Diary" — he's also known for critically acclaimed indies, such as "The Crying Game," "Enchanted April" and "Little Voice." His supporting performance as the compassionate husband of writer Iris Murdoch in "Iris" earned him an Oscar.

With the ability to evoke tenderness and masculinity at the same time, he has become the go-to guy for several directors, including

Terry Gilliam, David Yates and Mike Leigh.

"Another Year" (in theaters Jan. 21) marks his seventh collaboration with Leigh, with whom he first worked in 1990's "Life Is Sweet."

In this fictional slice-of-life drama, he plays Tom, a geology professor who enjoys a comfortable and happy life with Gerri (Ruth Sheen), his wife of 40 years. They garden together and occasionally entertain their friends at their tidy, suburban home. Their fondest wish

"I've got more in common with Tom than most characters I've played."

is to see their adult son, Joe, find a wife, so he, too, can enjoy wedded bliss. Gerri's co-worker and family friend Mary (Lesley Manville) hasn't been so fortunate to find a mate. She's lonely and sometimes drinks too much. The couple's friendship with Mary is tested when she overtly flirts with the much-younger Joe at a party and makes a scene at subsequent gathering when he brings home a girlfriend.

Playing a happily married man was easy, Broadbent says, having been married to his wife, Anastasia, for more than 20 years.

Broadbent says his goal was to make Tom — "a potentially rather bland character" — interesting.

"I've got more in common with Tom than most characters I've played," he says, smiling. "He can probably cook a bit better than I can, and he probably can play golf better, and I'm not as organized or calm as he is." ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

Queen Blesses The '80s

Honors

Sweet dreams are made of this for Annie Lennox, honored by Queen Elizabeth II in the monarch's New Year's list of awards. The Scottish singer, who came to



Lennox

fame in 1980s duo Eurythmics, was named an Officer of the Order of the British Empire for her work with charities fighting AIDS and poverty in Africa.

Lennox, 56, is among several 1980s icons on the list, released Friday. Fashion designer Katharine Hamnett, creator of the oversized "Choose Life" slogan T-shirts, and Grammy-winning music producer Trevor Horn, who honed the futuristic sound of Frankie Goes to Hollywood, were both named Commanders of the Order of the British Empire.

Britain's honors are bestowed twice a year by the queen — at New Year's and on her official birthday in June — but recipients are selected by committees of civil servants from nominations made by the government and the public. (AP)

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1 Movie Nights

Through Wednesday, the Black Cat is hosting double features every night. The movies range from unspecified but surely very classy black-and-white films, to themes as far-ranging as "Kung Fu" and "John Hughes." The films are free, and the drinks are cheap. It's a great cinematic start to the productive, ascetic 2011 you've resolved to have. **Black Cat, 1811 14th St., Jan. 2-5, 8:30 p.m., free; 202-667-4490, Blackcatdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)**

2 West Germany Side Story

Though it's Oscar bait season and there are lots of decent mainstream movies playing, we love to remind you of the esoteric little films you'd never get to see if you didn't live in Washington. Case in point: "A Berlin Romance," a 1950s flick made in East Germany about what happens when a West Sider and an East Sider fall in love. **Goethe-Institut, 812 7th St. NW; 6:30 p.m., \$4-\$7; 202-289-1200, Goethe.de. (Gallery Place)**

3 Way Down Below

Lower Dens is one of those bands that understands how to grab you — its music, which should probably be classified as New Wave, is dark and hypnotic. Much has been said about frontwoman Jana Hunter's extraordinary voice, and we don't have much space, so: Though its lyrics are often totally indecipherable, Lower Dens is worth paying to hear. **Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600, Kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom)**



lookout TV tonight

Best Bets

PBS 8:00 **Antiques Roadshow** The hit series launches its 15th season in Miami Beach, where host Mark L. Walberg and appraiser Karen Keane scour the city for mid-century modern bargains.

CBS 10:00 **Hawaii Five-0** McGarrett (Alex O'Loughlin, left) discovers new clues to his mother's murder, including possible ties to the Japanese Yakuza, when his sister is kidnapped and his father's Champ box is stolen.

A&E 10:00 **Hoarders** Hannah's hoarding has forced her out of her home and into a windowless and unheated trailer with 200 chickens. If her home isn't cleaned out before winter sets in, they all may freeze to death.

ABC 10:01 **Castle** When Castle's novel "Heat Wave" is turned into a movie, actress Natalie Rhodes accepts Beckett's invitation to visit and learn about the character she's going to play. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

ROBERT E. LEE

The Confederacy's Icon

PBS 9:00

"Robert E. Lee," a sturdy new documentary from the folks at public television's "American Experience," exhibits an artfully taut, no-nonsense approach that relies on documents, drawings, paintings, photographs, experts and simple narration, all principally guided by the tiny type in its subtitle: "At War With His Country ... and Himself." But the film posits no groundbreaking theories about Lee's psychological state, interior life or military prowess. Lee still is what he always was to most of us: a statue, an address, an icon of the old (and new) South. HANK STUEVER (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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Dating



Egad, Cad!

In "The Bachelor" (8 p.m. on ABC), Brad Womack must face both Jenni Croft and DeAnna Pappas, the two women he rejected at the end of the show's 11th season, before going on to select a group of 20 women from a pool of 30. But will miffed viewers forgive him enough to become invested in his search for true love once again? (TM)

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Gabriel Acosta Reyes, Jenna Libersky

Gabriel, 26, works in sales. Jenna, 26, is a health research analyst at a policy group. They live in Columbia Heights.

THE MAIN EVENT: Jan. 8 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, with a honeymoon in Jackson Hole, Wyo. "Six days of dogsledding, sleigh-riding, snowshoeing, two-stepping, and eating steak; five nights of snuggling in a lodge," Jenna says.

HOW THEY MET: "In between poison ivy and litter" while cleaning up a park during their first week at Georgetown University, Gabriel says.

FIRST DATE: After college, when they were next-door neighbors. He cooked her dinner, "but it wasn't a real date in my mind until we went and got pizza at 3 a.m. after staying up all night and talking," Jenna says.

HOW HE PROPOSED: On Jenna's birthday, lying in bed. "I forgot I didn't have a ring and that I was in my pajamas," Gabriel says.

THEIR SONG: "Babylon" by David Grey. When Jenna lived in an apartment with no heat, "we'd sit in the bath and run the hot water to stay warm, and Gaby would sing the album like a human jukebox."



WHEN HE PROPOSED, "I FORGOT I DIDN'T HAVE A RING AND THAT I WAS IN MY PAJAMAS." — GABRIEL ACOSTA REYES

Matt Mullenix, Rakelle Sutton

Matt, 30, is a systems engineer. Rakelle, 35, is a senior recruiter. They live in Falls Church.

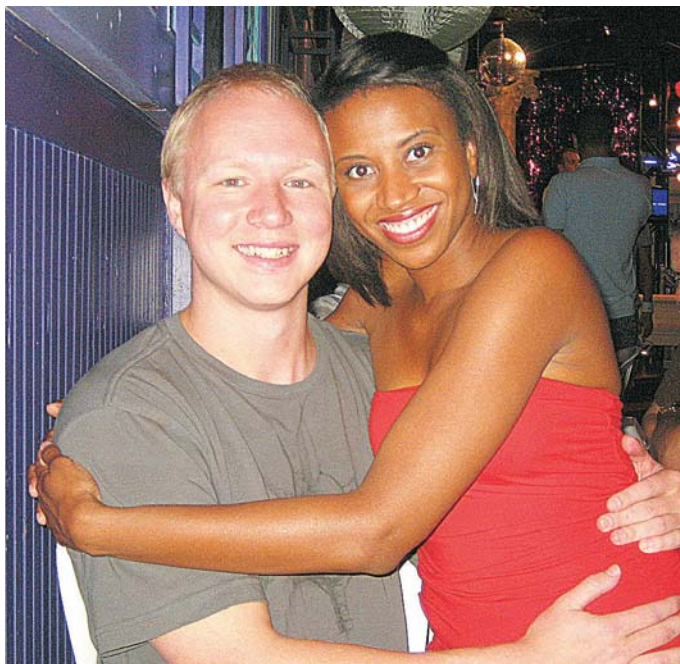
THE MAIN EVENT: They're "eloping" Jan. 22, to San Manuel, Costa Rica.

"I'm not sure if it's eloping, since we've told everyone our plan," Rakelle says, though it will be just the two of them.

HOW THEY MET: A mutual friend set them up. "She showed me a picture of Rakelle wearing a shirt that said, 'I heart nerds,' and I was sold."

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: "I thought she was so beautiful, and I loved the shirt. I didn't even notice that she was posing with four drag queens."

FIRST DATE: A karaoke bar.



FIRST KISS: At his house, post-karaoke. "Matt tried to kiss me at the bar, but I did a 'Matrix' move to avoid the kiss. I didn't want our first kiss to be at a karaoke joint."

HOW HE PROPOSED: In San Francisco under the Golden Gate Bridge. "Everything he said sounded like a proposal," Rakelle says, but as he didn't have a ring, "I wasn't 100 percent sure until he called his dad to share the good news."

MOST-HATED CLOTHING ITEM: Her black coat with its first too-short, then (after alterations) too-long sleeves. "I would love to set that coat on fire," Matt says.

STUPIDEST FIGHT: The paint in the bathroom. She dissed it, assuming the previous tenant had painted, but it was Matt's paint job. "The bathroom color is horrible, though," Rakelle adds.



Matthew Haslinger, Danielle Sewell

Matthew, 31, is an attorney. Danielle, 27, is a school therapist. They live in Arlington.

THE MAIN EVENT: Nov. 12, on the beach in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The reception will be followed by a rooftop after-party with s'mores and a cigar roller.

HOW THEY MET: At George Mason University. Danielle's brother was Matthew's fraternity "little brother."

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: "I was immediately swept off my feet," Matthew says.

FIRST DATE: "She told me she had never gone to the Olive Garden, and I was shocked — so I took her."

HOW HE PROPOSED: Snowmageddon destroyed the romantic weekend Matthew had planned. With no entertainment options, they walked to the National Christmas Tree, where he popped the question. Right after, "a tiny bird landed on Matthew's snow boot. I felt like it was a blessing from above," Danielle says.

PET NAMES: He's "Hunny"; she's "Punkin-Head."

WHEN HE KNEW: During a party in his backyard. "I remember thinking to myself, 'There goes my wife.'"

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DO YOU THINK GAS PRICES IN THE U.S. WILL GET AS HIGH AS \$5 PER GALLON IN 2011?



"Look what happened when gas got to \$4 a gallon. The economy collapsed. That will happen again."

COMMENTER STR

"No. But I hope they do — speaking as a car owner! But high gas prices might be the nudge necessary to help promote more efficient, intelligent transportation systems, such as good, thorough public transit. ... Why do people continue to drive so much?"

COMMENTER LOWSPARK

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The Capitals' Alex Ovechkin battles the Penguins' Chris Kunitz.

"It's tradition in the Winter Classic. Or, at least, it was. At the end of the game, the teams shake hands, just like at the end of a playoff series. [Saturday], the Penguins and the Capitals broke that tradition."

— SBINATION.COM FIGURES AFTER SATURDAY'S CAPITALS VICTORY IN PITTSBURGH THAT THE TWO NHL TEAMS MUST GENUINELY DISLIKE EACH OTHER.



"The Discovery Health Channel disappears for good, as the station is being taken over for the Oprah Winfrey Network. I enjoyed the Discovery Health Channel and am sad to see it go. And for the record, I predict I will watch the Oprah channel exactly 0 times. I've never watched her in the past, so why now?"

— LASVEGASBADGER.BLOGSPOT.COM WASN'T PARTICULARLY HAPPY TO SEE THE DAYTIME TALK SHOW HOST'S NEW STATION TAKE OVER THE DISCOVERY HEALTH CHANNEL ON SATURDAY.

"You know what we need to make us love Muslims who love death more than life? A Muslim version of 'The Cosby Show,' that's what. Yup, that's what Katie Couric says. ... This is what passes for intellectual discourse in 2011. We are doomed. Happy new year."

— IHATETHEMEDIA.COM FOUND THE CBS NEWS ANCHOR'S COMMENTS ABOUT THE BIGOTRY TOWARD ISLAM IN AMERICA TO BE RIDICULOUS.



"Good news for those of us stuck halfway in our meat dress projects: Lady Gaga has returned to Twitter."

— PREFIXMAG.COM WAS NOT SURPRISED THAT THE RECORDING ARTIST ANNOUNCED VIA THE SOCIAL NETWORKING SITE THAT HER NEWEST ALBUM, "BORN THIS WAY," WILL BE RELEASED ON MAY 23.



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Your confidence can lead directly to the threshold of a major success, but it will take more than that to close the deal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You'll have to look at a puzzle from more than one perspective in order to find the solution. An imaginative approach pays off.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A friend or loved one can help you over a preliminary hurdle, but once it's behind you, you're likely to be on your own for a while.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Things may not line up correctly in your perception, leading you to wonder whether perhaps you are not perfectly in control.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A financial situation will improve once you put your mind to it; you have a way of looking at things that clarifies issues for others, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll have to make certain concessions, whether you like it or not, but very likely you will be more than willing to compromise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You can afford to let down your guard a bit; there is little risk that anyone will try to take advantage of you at this time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be willing to meet expectations before you start doing things that are solely for you. Certain sacrifices may be necessary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You will be able to make a decision that shapes your financial situation in such a way that you are not overtaxed or overwhelmed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You're feeling the influence of a Capricorn native, but you needn't resist; he or she has your best interests at heart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) If you don't love what you're doing, then you should do something else—it's that simple. Other kinds of rewards will follow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Admitting to yourself that you have certain weaknesses is the first step in eradicating them altogether. Make a start.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 140-150, BEST SCORE 234

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RACK 1

E ₁	I ₁	O ₁	Y ₄	D ₂	R ₁	J ₈

Triple
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RACK 2

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RACK 3

E ₁	O ₁	G ₂	N ₁	N ₁	D ₂	L ₁

1st Letter
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RACK 4

Friday's Solution

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E ₁	C ₃	O ₁	N ₁	O ₁	M ₃	Y ₄	RACK 2 =	70
T ₁	A ₁	F ₄	F ₄	E ₁	T ₁	A ₁	RACK 3 =	76
G ₂	R ₁	A ₁	D ₂	A ₁	T ₁	E ₁	RACK 4 =	59
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5	9						6	2
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		5	7		2	6		
		8	5	4	6	9		

Friday's Solution

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2	7	4	5	9	6	3	8	1
8	6	2	4	3	9	7	1	5
5	3	9	2	7	1	8	4	6
1	4	7	6	5	8	9	3	2
4	2	8	9	6	5	1	7	3
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7	9	5	1	4	3	2	6	8

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47 | 26

Tomorrow: Partly sunny tomorrow. Clear tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

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39 | 28 37 | 29 39 | 24

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 7:27 a.m.
Sunset today: 4:58 p.m.
Moonrise today: 6:50 a.m.
Moonset today: 4:28 p.m.

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1 Stretching exercise
5 Rollick or frolic
9 An e-mail doesn't need one
14 Zest
15 Geometry calculation
16 Reef material
17 Happy tune
18 To-do list item
19 Mirror's reflection
20 NYPD position
23 Try on eBay
24 "Can't we ____ just get along?"
25 Stated
27 Was reflective
31 Some former tadpoles
33 Admire from ____
37 Certain skirts
39 Partner of long.
40 Island country near Key West
41 Look perplexed, in a way
44 Look as though
45 Dinghy accessory
46 Theater district
47 Marine eagle
48 Romanov ruler
50 German steel center
51 Lomond, for one
53 Piece of work
55 Havana leftover
58 What a new hire may ask
64 Produce offspring
66 Eight, to Nero
67 Stare at creepily
68 Put through the blender
69 Adam's habitat
70 Liver nutrient
71 Smile derisively
72 Modernize the decor
73 Beyond racy

DOWN

1 Dog's cry
2 Hodgepodge
3 Unmitigated ____
4 Pro fighter?
5 Honey badger
6 Delphic medium
7 Engage, as gears
8 Islamabad's country
9 Special effects-heavy genre
10 A Smothers brother
11 Middle East native
12 Biblical trio
13 Made a case for
21 Uniformed student
22 Holiday or island
26 Russian summer homes
27 Billiards maneuver
28 Product of stress
29 Warning device

30 Crown cover
32 Regional foliage
34 Coal, wood and gas
35 Slack off
36 Gaseous radioactive element
38 Aged potable
42 Review in detail
43 Ordeal for Troy
49 Fixed one's laces
52 "For Sale by ____"
54 Horned animal with thick skin
55 Creatures depicted in hieroglyphics
56 Made yarn
57 Mad March animal
59 Half of an argument
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Today in History

1924 Archaeologist Howard Carter and his workmen discover a sarcophagus containing a solid gold coffin that holds the mummy of Tutankhamen.

1961 The U.S. ends diplomatic relations with Cuba.

1990 Panama's Manuel Antonio Noriega surrenders to U.S. military troops to face charges of drug trafficking.

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**AGE****Bloating: The Scourge Of Fading Hollywood Actors**

Val Kilmer owes nearly \$500,000 in federal taxes, and a lien has been placed on his property, including a New Mexico ranch he's trying to sell. Kilmer has lived in New Mexico for two decades. He put his 5,300-acre Pecos River Ranch on the market for \$33 million in 2009. The ranch is now listed for sale at \$18.5 million, down from \$23 million in October. (AP)

RULES**If You Don't Even Have a Wikipedia Entry, You Don't Get Your Picture in Express**


Jon Gosselin ex Hailey Glassman is dating the son of "Real Housewives of New Jersey" cast member Kim Granatell. "Hailey's just great," John Granatell told Radaronline.com. "She's the whole package, and she's just an awesome woman." Glassman — the daughter of Kate Gosselin's plastic surgeon — and Jon Gosselin ended their relationship in 2009. (EXPRESS)



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When your husband leaves you for your best friend, clap your hands! And marry her ex-husband. And clap your hands!

SCANDAL**Dramatic Conclusion**

Shania Twain and Frederic Thiebaud tied the knot Saturday in Puerto Rico with 40 close family members and friends in attendance. Twain confirmed in August 2009 that she was dating Thiebaud after her divorce from Robert Lange, who allegedly had an affair with Twain's best friend and Thiebaud's wife, Marie-Anne Thiebaud. Twain said she reached out to Frederic Thiebaud in the aftermath. (AP)



Dirtbag Digest

The Perfect Starter Marriage

"Girls Gone Wild" founder Joe Francis and his wife of seven weeks are splitting up. Except... "there was no divorce and there will be no divorce because the couple was never legally married," Francis' publicist said in a statement. (EXPRESS)

**REAL ESTATE****Power Community Welcomes Barrymore but Can't Explain Why Rob Lowe Was Let In**

Drew Barrymore bought a \$6.9 million estate in Montecito, Calif., Radaronline.com reported. The mansion has six bedrooms and five bathrooms. Jeff Bridges, Rob Lowe and Oprah Winfrey also own homes in the community. (EXPRESS)



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